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SUBJ: VISIT OF EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT TO COPENHAGEN

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SUMMARY. ORTOLI VISITED COPENHAGEN LAST WEEK FOR GENERAL
ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT. PRINCIPAL TALK
WAS WITH FONECONMIN NORGAARD. BOTH AGREED TO PUSH FOR
AGREEMENT ON SECOND PHASE OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION BY
END OF YEAR AND TO MOVE FORWARD ON INDUSTRIAL ACTION POLICY.
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COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN COMMON MONETARY FLOAT. END

SUMMARY.

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI VISITED COPENHAGEN JULY 12-13 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT WHICH CURRENTLY HOLDS EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. HE PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN AND HAD BRIEF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN REGARDING QUESTION OF COMMISFBIVOAWMKUMPAUPIPATION IN EC FONMINS POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN COPENHAGEN JULY 23 (REPORTED SEPTTEL). SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WERE WITH FONECONMINISTER NORGAARD AND ECONMIN HAEKKERUP BOTH OF WHICH COVERED APPROXIMATELY SAME GROUND. (ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT DANISH FONMIN HAS TWO HEADS WITH, ON EC MATTERS, FONMIN ANDERSEN HANDLING NON-TREATY OF ROME MATTERS AND FONECONMIN NORGAARD HANDLING BASIC EC RELATIONS.)

2. FONOFF SOURCE (RIBERHOLDT, WHO ATTENDED ALL MEETINGS) SAID PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF ORTOLI VISIT, FROM DANISH VIEWPOINT, WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR NORGAARD AND ORTOLI TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AND TO COMPARE NOTES ON EC OBJECTIVES DURING DANISH PRESIDENCY. FOLLOWING WERE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS COVERED:

(A) ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. BOTH ORTOLI AND NORGAARD EXPRESSED GREAT EAGERNESS TO BRING ISSUE TO POINT WHERE DECISION CAN BE MADE BY END OF YEAR TO MOVE INTO SECOND PHASE. BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED FAILURE OF FIRST PHASE TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES AND AGREED THAT SECOND PHASE OBJECTIVES MAY THEREFORE HAVE BE BE MORE MODEST THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. THEY FELT IT ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, TO MOVE INTO SECOND PHASE TO MAINTAIN FORWARD MOMENTUM. WHILE CONTINUING SEPARATE CURRENCY FLOATS OF UK, ITALY AND IRELAND WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS (THEY AGREED THAT THERE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THEY WOULD JOIN COMMON FLOAT BEFORE END OF YEAR), THEY TALKED, SOMEWHAT VAGUELY, OF OBTAINING SOME KIND OF COMMITMENT FROM THESE COUNTRIES TO JOIN COMMON MONETARY POLICY SOMETHING DURING SECOND PHASE.

(B) REGIONAL POLICY. IN VARIATION OF COMMENT MADE TO US BY HIS NO. 2 MAN, JENS CHRISTENSEN (REFTEL), NORGAARD TOLD ORTOLI THAT, SINCE THE RAISON D'ETRE OF EC REGIONAL POLICY IS TO ASSIST THOSE COUNTRIES IN DIFFICULTY BECAUSE OF ADHERENCE TO DISCIPLINE OF UNIFIED MONETARY POLICY (I.E., COMMON FLOAT), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED FOR SUCH COUNTRIES ONLY. ORTOLI TOOK NOTE BUT DID NOT COMMENT. (NOTE: FONOFF OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT HTIS NOT INTENDED AS THREAT OR BRIBE TO THREE NOT NOW IN COMMON FLOAT, BUT SIMPLY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE OF REGIONAL POLICY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT THIS MAY BE REGARDED BY OTHERS AS RATHER NARROW DEFINITION.)

(D) INDUSTRIAL ACTION POLICY--MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

NORGAARD PRESENTED DANISH VIEWS ON EC INDUSTRIAL ACTION POLICY, PARTICULARLY AS IT WOULD AFFECT MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. HE DISCUSSED DANISH PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL JULY 24 (SEPTEL). ORTOLI ADMITTED COMMISSION HAS BEEN SLOW IN PREPARATION OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY PAPER, BUT SAID IT NOW BEING CONSIDERED AT DG LEVEL AND SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. (FONOFF BELIEVES OCTOBER A MORE LIKELY DATE.)

(D) OTHER, AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES WERE HARDLY TOUCHED ON AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS ONLY VERY GENERALLY COVERED.
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